

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 2 has been amended to illustrate the weldments 70.

Amended FIG. 2 is attached to this Amendment as a replacement sheet.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 8, 17, and 21 have been amended, and Claim 7 has been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because the weldment 70 is not shown in the drawings as described on page 7, line 23.

FIG. 2 has been amended to point out the weldment 70. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claim 21 for lack of antecedent basis for “the distance.”

Applicant has amended Claim 21 to address this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,958,954 (“Ehlenbeck”).

Independent Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 7, which the Examiner indicated was allowable. Accordingly, independent Claim 6 is now allowable as well. Claims 8-16 depend from Claim 6, and are allowable for at least the reasons Claim 6 is allowable. Claims 8-16 may include additional patentable features not discussed herein.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5 and 10-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,958,954 (“Ehlenbeck”).

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate some of the subject matter of Claim 7, and therefore, Claim 1 should be allowable. Claims 2-5 depend from Claim 6, and are allowable for at least the reasons Claim 6 is allowable. Claims 2-5 may include additional patentable features not discussed herein.

Independent Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate some of the subject matter of Claim 7, and therefore, Claim 17 should be allowable. Claims 18-20 depend from Claim 17, and

are allowable for at least the reasons Claim 17 is allowable. Claims 18-20 may include additional patentable features not discussed herein.

Independent Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate some of the subject matter of Claim 7, and therefore, Claim 21 should be allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 7-8 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and allowance of the pending claims. The undersigned is available for telephone conference during normal business hours.

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